

# Delaware State Police Charge Middletown Man With Murder After Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash- Bear

**Bear-** Delaware State Police arrested 30-year-old **Jordan Griffith** of Middletown, for murder and related charges following a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred in September of 2020.

On September 28, 2020 at approximately 6:23 p.m., a 2002 Silver Ford F-150 pickup truck operated by Jordan Griffith was traveling southbound Summit Bridge Road (Route 896) towards the intersection of Denny Road with a red traffic signal. At this time, a silver 2017 Chevy Malibu sedan was traveling westbound from Howell School Road into the intersection to initiate a left turn onto southbound Summit Bridge Road. The Ford F-150 proceeded into the intersection against the red traffic signal and struck the passenger side of the Chevy Malibu, which was occupied by the operator, 48-year-old Lisa Davis of Bear, DE, and front seat passenger, a 15-year-old male of Bear. Both occupants in the Chevy Malibu were properly restrained.

Davis was transported to an area hospital where she was pronounced deceased. The 15-year-old passenger was transported to an area hospital for serious injuries.

During the on-scene investigation troopers smelled an odor of alcoholic beverages emitting from Griffith and a DUI investigation ensued. Griffith was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Southbound Summit Bridge Rd (Route 896) between Glasgow Ave. and Brennan Blvd. was closed for approximately 3 hours while

the crash was investigated and cleared

On April 17, 2021 after a toxicology report yielded positive results, Griffith turned himself in at Troop 2 and was charged with the following crimes:

- Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Felony)
- Vehicular Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Felony)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense Driving Under the Influence of a Combination of Alcohol and any other Drug (Felony)
- Unreasonable Speed
- Failure to Stop at a Red Light
- Failure to Have Insurance Identification in Possession

Griffith was arraigned in the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution on \$105,300 cash bond.

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